

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for making travel related bookings, comprising:
 - 2 providing access to a plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for
 - 3 a client initiating a travel booking request, CRSs including global distribution
 - 4 systems (GDSs); and
 - 5 allowing the client to book at least one travel item segment from any one
 - 6 of the accessible CRSs.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein a travel item segment is one of an
 - 2 air segment, a car segment, or a hotel segment.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising, identifying each
 - 2 booked travel item segment with a CRS designation.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the CRS designation is a name of
 - 2 a CRS or a CRS locator.
- 1 5. The method of claim 3, further comprising, storing a travel
 - 2 itinerary booking record for the at least one booked travel item segment.
- 1 6. The method of claim 3, further comprising, displaying the travel
 - 2 itinerary booking record to the client.
- 1 7. The method of claim 6, further comprising, allowing the client to
 - 2 modify the travel itinerary booking record.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein providing access to the plurality of
 - 2 computer reservation systems (CRSs) for the client includes:
 - 3 reading a predefined selection of the plurality of CRSs to be
 - 4 accessed during the travel booking request; and

5 accessing the selected plurality of CRSs to check the availability of
6 travel items at the CRSs for the travel booking request.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the predefined selection of the
2 plurality of CRSs includes a default CRS or a primary CRS and at least one
3 secondary CRS.

1 10. The method of claim 8, wherein allowing the client to book at least
2 one travel item segment from any one of the accessible CRSs includes:

3 displaying available travel items accessed from the selected
4 plurality of CRSs for the travel booking request;

5 allowing the client to select a desired travel item; and

6 for each selected travel item,

7 booking the selected travel item with the respective CRS.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein only a lowest cost travel item
2 accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs is displayed.

1 12. A travel management system (TMS) for making travel related
2 bookings, the TMS comprising:

3 a server to provide access to a plurality of computer reservation systems
4 (CRSs) for a client initiating a travel booking request, CRSs including global
5 distribution systems (GDSs); and

6 a booking engine to allow the client to book at least one travel item
7 segment from any one of the accessible CRSs.

1 13. The travel management system of claim 12, wherein a travel item
2 segment is one of an air segment, a car segment, or a hotel segment.

1 14. The travel management system of claim 12, further comprising, a
2 database to store a super passenger name record (PNR) including the at least one
3 booked travel item segment, the super PNR storing a CRS designation for each
4 booked travel segment.

1 15. The travel management system of claim 14, wherein the CRS
2 designation is a name of a CRS or a CRS locator.

1 16. The travel management system of claim 14, further comprising, a
2 client interface to cause the display of the super PNR to the client.

1 17. The travel management system of claim 15, wherein the client
2 interface allows the client to modify the super PNR.

1 18. The travel management system of claim 12, further comprising a
2 terminal access editor (TAE) to define a selection of the plurality of computer
3 reservation systems (CRSs) for the client to be stored in a database and accessed
4 during the travel booking request for the client.

1 19. The travel management system of claim 18, wherein the booking
2 engine:

3 reads the database to determine the selected plurality of CRSs to be
4 accessed during the travel booking request; and

5 accesses the selected plurality of CRSs to check the availability of travel
6 items at the CRSs for the travel booking request.

1 20. The travel management system of claim 19, wherein the selection
2 of the plurality of CRSs includes a default CRS or a primary CRS and at least one
3 secondary CRS.

1 21. The travel management system of claim 19, further comprising a
2 client interface to:

3 display available travel items accessed from the selected plurality
4 of CRSs for the travel booking request at the client; and

5 allow the client to select a desired travel item.

1 22. The travel management system of claim 21, wherein for each
2 selected travel item, the booking engine books the selected item with the
3 respective CRS.

1 23. The travel management system of claim 21, wherein only the
2 lowest cost travel item accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs is displayed.

1 24. A machine-readable medium having stored thereon instructions,
2 which when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform the following:

3 providing access to a plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for
4 a client initiating a travel booking request, CRSs including global distribution
5 systems (GDSs); and

6 allowing the client to book at least one travel item segment from any one
7 of the accessible CRSs.

1 25. The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein a travel item
2 segment is one of an air segment, a car segment, or a hotel segment.

1 26. The machine-readable medium of claim 24, further comprising,
2 identifying each booked travel item segment with a CRS designation.

1 27. The machine-readable medium of claim 26, wherein the CRS
2 designation is a name of a CRS or a CRS locator.

1 28. The machine-readable medium of claim 26, further comprising,
2 storing a travel itinerary booking record for the at least one booked travel item
3 segment.

1 29. The machine-readable medium of claim 28, further comprising,
2 displaying the travel itinerary booking record to the client.

1 30. The machine-readable medium of claim 29, further comprising,
2 allowing the client to modify the travel itinerary booking record.

1 31. The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein providing
2 access to the plurality of computer reservation systems (CRSs) for the client
3 includes:

4 reading a predefined selection of the plurality of CRSs to be
5 accessed during the travel booking request; and

6 accessing the selected plurality of CRSs to check the availability of
7 travel items at the CRSs for the travel booking request.

1 32. The machine-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the predefined
2 selection of the plurality of CRSs includes a default CRS or a primary CRS and at
3 least one secondary CRS.

1 33. The machine-readable medium of claim 31, wherein allowing the
2 client to book at least one travel item segment from any one of the accessible
3 CRSs includes:

4 displaying available travel items accessed from the selected
5 plurality of CRSs for the travel booking request;

6 allowing the client to select a desired travel item; and

7 for each selected travel item,

8 booking the selected travel item with the respective CRS.

1 34. The machine-readable medium of claim 33, wherein only a lowest
2 cost travel item accessed from the selected plurality of CRSs is displayed.